



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm and mostly dry.

Barley off to a good start.

Range and pasture feed continues to improve.

Temperatures through Friday averaged above normal for the State. Daytime highs were mostly in the mid 70's to upper 80's while nighttime temperatures were in the upper 20's to low 40's. Precipitation was below normal except in some northwestern areas.

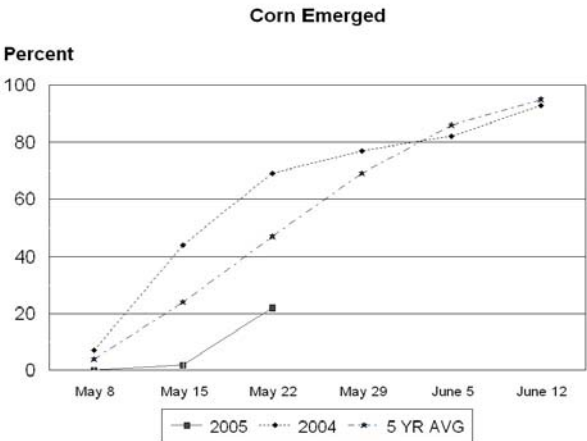
As of May 22, 71 percent of the State had adequate or surplus topsoil moisture, 5 points lower than last week. Last year at this time only 40 percent was adequate and than the 5-year average is 44 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were also higher than average with 77 percent rated adequate or surplus, well up from 41 percent adequate last year and the average of 48 percent.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Short	5	3	18	12
Short	24	21	42	44
Adeq	70	71	40	44
Surp	1	5	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Pltd	91	86	97	96
Barley Emgd	79	55	83	78
Barley Jntd	9	4	27	12
Oats Pltd	83	74	91	85
Oats Emgd	55	45	67	55
Oats Jntd	2	1	21	8
Spring Wheat Pltd	87	71	99	88
Spring Wheat Emgd	62	41	95	56
Spring Wheat Jntd	2	1	39	12
Winter Wheat Jntd	75	64	94	72
Winter Wheat Boot	15	2	39	24
Sugarbeets Emgd	67	43	70	71
Corn Pltd	82	55	81	82
Corn Emgd	22	2	69	47
Dry Beans Pltd	6	-	26	15



FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 5.6 days were suitable for field work during the past week, the most since mid-April. Barley seeding was 91 percent complete, behind last year and the average pace. Emergence, at 79 percent, was near the 5-year average. Barley was 9 percent jointed, 18 points behind last year and 3 points behind average. Almost 90 percent of the barley crop was rated in good or excellent condition, up from about two-thirds last year and average.

Oats seeding was 83 percent complete, 8 points behind last year and 2 points behind average. Oats emergence was at 55 percent, near average pace. Spring wheat seeding, at 87 percent, was 22 points behind last year but only 1 point behind average. The spring wheat crop was 62 percent emerged, over 30 points behind last year but 6 points ahead of average.

Forty-two percent of the winter wheat crop was in good condition, compared with only 26 percent in good condition last year and 40 percent for the 5-year average. Winter wheat was jointed on 75 percent of the acreage, behind last year but slightly ahead of average. Fifteen percent of winter wheat had reached the boot stage, well behind last year and average.

Corn planting was 82 percent complete, even with last year and the average pace. About one-fifth of the corn crop had emerged, about one week behind average. Sugarbeets had emerged on 67 percent of the acreage, 3 points behind last year and 4 points behind the average. Dry bean planting was off to a somewhat slow start with 6 percent of the crop planted, down 20 points from last year and 9 points from the 5-year average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Barley	0	1	13	77	9
Winter Wht	2	7	49	42	0

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	62	53	55	69
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	94	87	96	97

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture growth made further improvement and conditions were rated good or excellent in 36 percent of the State, up 5 points from last week, up 19 points from last year, and up 5 points from the 5-year average. About one-fourth was still rated poor to very poor, mostly in the Northeast.

Range flock sheep shorn was at 94 percent, slightly behind last year and average. Nearly two-thirds of the range flock ewes had lambled, just ahead of last year, but behind the average pace. Lamb losses remained mostly normal to light. Thirty percent of cattle were moved to summer ranges, 6 points behind last year and 7 points behind average. Seventeen percent of sheep were moved to summer ranges, 10 points behind last year and 9 points behind average.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	4	6	25	12
Poor	20	22	26	20
Fair	40	41	32	37
Good	30	25	17	31
Excellent	6	6	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, May 20, temperatures were above normal for the State. Temperatures ranged from 0.3 degrees below normal in Powell to 7.6 degrees above normal in Cheyenne. The high temperature of the week was 95 in Torrington and the low was 27 in Laramie. Precipitation was generally below normal. The most precipitation fell in Deaver with 0.87 inch, Powell with 0.68 inch, and Afton with 0.65 inch.

TEMPERATURE : PRECIPITATION								
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STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	75	29	4.7	0.55	0.01	5.64	6.48	-0.84
Afton	74	33	2.8	0.65	0.13	8.04	7.41	0.63
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	76	31	4.9	0.04	-0.31	4.68	4.42	0.26
Big Piney AP	76	29	4.8	0.02	-0.22	4.72	2.35	2.37
Rock Springs AP	82	32	5.3	0.20	-0.11	3.93	3.83	0.10
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	80	42	5.8	0.25	-0.20	5.60	3.68	1.93
Deaver	78	35	0.1	0.87	0.61	4.89	1.60	3.29
Greybull AP	86	41	5.4	0.04	-0.30	2.58	2.70	-0.12
Powell Field St	77	33	-0.3	0.68	0.33	4.75	2.10	2.65
Worland FAA AP	88	38	5.4	0.08	-0.29	3.50	2.82	0.68
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	88	38	6.1	0.31	-0.30	6.75	4.89	1.86
Sheridan WSO AP	83	38	6.3	T	-0.56	9.03	5.73	3.30
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Sundance	86	29	6.1	0.06	-0.59	4.33	6.56	-2.23
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	86	32	2.1	0.28	-0.31	4.59	5.12	-0.53
Redbird	85	35	3.7	0.00	-0.62	4.47	5.22	-0.75
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Archer	85	30	4.1	0.00	-0.66	3.38	5.43	-2.05
Casper AP	87	33	6.1	0.00	-0.54	3.59	5.26	-1.67
Cheyenne AP	86	36	7.6	T	-0.58	1.98	5.16	-3.18
Chugwater	83	29	2.6	0.21	-0.50	4.49	5.71	-1.22
Douglas AP	89	35	6.5	0.09	-0.47	3.12	4.91	-1.79
Torrington AP	95	36	5.8	0.00	-0.60	2.36	4.70	-2.34
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	83	35	5.5	0.00	-0.54	6.46	5.96	0.50
Riverton AP	84	37	5.9	0.00	-0.41	3.44	3.20	0.24
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	82	27	6.7	0.00	-0.40	2.36	3.81	-1.45
Rawlins AP	82	32	4.6	0.00	-0.34	2.53	3.78	-1.25
Saratoga	82	31	4.6	T	-0.37	3.64	3.70	-0.06
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